

June 3, 1954

Dear Francis:

I was pleased to get your letter, as I've meant to write you anyhow. But Esther and I are planning to fly to NY this weekend (June 6) and hope to see you on Monday or Thursday if at all possible. The occasion is ~~the~~ Waksman's symposium at Rutgers— are you going?

Concerning Michigan, I think we're in the same boat in re Markert. I'm not terribly pleased at the way the symposium there is organized— it seems to me it would make much more sense to have Sol and Preer together one week, and you and me the second. I've already written Nungester to see if this ~~is~~ possible. If Preer and I can't switch (it would be up to him) could you consider switching time with Sol? I did not know until Nungester's last memo what you were thinking of discussing. If we could get on the same program, I think we would do a better job all told if I ~~also~~ changed my first talk from drug resistance to sex. That way, you would have a fairly definite area on mutational adaptation vs. recombinational "adaptation" for myself. [I assume some stretching of the theme would be permissible]. That way too I think we could have a much more intelligible mutual discussion than with the Sol-Josh; Preer-Ryan pairings. What do you think?

Gonzalez has written me once or twice, and in fact was in Madison one afternoon, but our plans were both so hectic we couldn't meet. She hasn't answered my last suggestion that she just call me up some day when she wants to visit— she had asked when would be convenient. I'm afraid there isn't a square micron of free space, however, so I doubt if I can accomodate her here even for a short few weeks. Concerning her problem, has she been in touch with Tobias— he has a fair bit of unpublished stuff, mostly rather confused, but interesting. I might mention that since Rubbo's visit here in the spring, we have a passing interest in yeast ourselves, but nothing very profound.

Anyhow, I hope we'll see you soon after you get this; if not, I hope we can get some chance to get together at least briefly at Ann Arbor.

Sakaguchi

May I quote a line from a letter from ~~you~~ (2/8/54): "In his cordial letter [Ryan] kindly offered his consent [sic] to accept our invitation"— I thought it was all settled. I admire your courage in this venture, but there is no doubt it would be a real service to Asiatic science. [On the other hand there are two Japanese students from their National Institute of Genetics coming here this next year— Kimura, with James Crow, and Iino, with me]:: maybe we'll both be talking Japanese by then! Sonneborn has had quite a time trying to communicate with Shozo Inoki who has been in his lab. several months!]

Calendar for benefit of all and sundry: after the Michigan affair, we're going to Woods Hole for August. I hope Kaplan will be able to catch us here.

Yours,